



## Ina Cameron Winn

September 11, 1943 - December 18, 2024

### BIOGRAPHY OF INA A. TERRY CAMERON WINN

Ina Cameron Winn was born in Stamford, Connecticut on September 11, 1943. She was the third of four children born to the late Robert W. Terry and Margaret Hughes Terry.

Ina received her formative elementary and junior high school education at Stevens and Burdick Schools respectively and was a graduate of Stamford High School in 1961. Ms. Winn subsequently graduated from Merrill Business School and matriculated at Bridgeport University and Norwalk Community College.

In 1978, Ina attended “The Charming Way”, a beauty culture school which was located on High Ridge Road in Stamford, Connecticut. There she developed proficiency in the areas of cosmetology, fashion and etiquette.

She later received an Associate’s Degree in Business from Cornell University under the sponsorship of the State University of New York in Purchase, New York. This academic accomplishment prepared Ina for a career as an Executive Secretary for Champion International Corporation where she executed responsibilities in its law department and was appointed to be a Loaned Executive who represented

the company through public speaking engagements about Champion International's commitment to community service programs. Her eloquent speeches were glowingly received at Fortune 500 companies throughout Connecticut and New York, among which were G. E. Capital and Pitney Bowes Corporations.

After a twelve-year tenure at Champion International, Ms. Winn assumed a position as an Executive Secretary in the law department of the Stamford Board of Education under the leadership of Attorney Richard A. Robinson, who is now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for the state of Connecticut. Ina Winn retired from the Stamford Board of Education after a notable professional career there of twenty-three years.

A committed and devoted Christian from her childhood, Ina Cameron Winn was a dedicated member of Union Baptist Church for thirty-nine years. An original member of the Pastor's Aide Ministry, she served in this capacity for many years. In addition, she was a venerable member of the Helping Hand Ministry in which she held various offices including that of secretary. She was also a member of its Transportation Subcommittee. A charitable and beneficent individual beyond measure, Ina hosted, financed and orchestrated a magnificently festive New Year's dinner for over three hundred members of Union Baptist Church on January 2, 2000 in the Robert W. Perry Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. It was a memorable occasion.

An altruistic community servant, Ina was the definition of philanthropy and selflessness. She initiated a class in culture and etiquette for underprivileged teenage students from twelve through seventeen years of age, at the Y.W. C.A and the Yerwood Center in Stamford. Each class accommodated from twelve to fifteen students.

In addition, Ina provided magnanimous financial assistance and support to three high school students so that they could complete their college

education.

An exceptionally civic minded person, Ina worked diligently with the N.A.A.C.P and organized and coordinated the Martin Luther King Day Parades for many years. A community activist, she was enthusiastically involved with the programs of the Urban League and the Urban League Guild. Through this organization Ina developed several Kwanza projects with the Mayor's office for the City of Stamford during the administration of Mayor and later Governor Dannel Malloy.

Ina Winn was a fashion stylist who also engaged in modeling in fashion shows throughout the tri - state area. She later formed her own company: "A Touch of Class" which focused upon the coordination of weddings and anniversary celebrations and the provision of make-up artistry for bridal parties. She additionally served as a Mistress of Ceremonies for many wedding receptions.

Ina derived immense pleasure from extensive travel to delightful destinations with devoted friends and family members. Her excursions have included visits throughout most of the United States and Hawaii and international tours of Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, London, England and Africa. She has also traveled to most of the Caribbean Islands and Bermuda and enjoyed at least ten cruises to various locations.

Ms. Ina C. Winn was an impeccably amiable person of style and grace who affectionately embraced others with her warm, vivacious and benevolent personality. A cordial and congenial individual, she was renowned for her endearing and infectious smile, sincerity and generosity of spirit. She positively impacted humanity through unconditional love, kindness, comfort, friendship and the life lessons which she generously shared with all. She immensely enriched the lives of others through her attentive outreach and the

superlative care which she consistently rendered to her family and friends. She savored the quality time which she was privileged to spend with her family. Her compassionate generosity was unparalleled. She especially loved children and with profound affection, they loved her back.

She leaves to cherish her treasured memory, her niece: Kimberly Morant of Stamford, Ct.; two nephews: Bruce Davis (Summer) of San Diego, California and William J. Wilds Jr. (Daysi) of Norwalk Ct.; two great -nieces: Iyana Gallen (Cassie) of Stamford, Ct. and Zoey Wilds of Norwalk, Ct.; and three great -nephews: Blair Bines (Krista) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, William Wilds, III of Norwalk, Ct. and Tiger Keller of San Diego, California, three devoted friends; Laverne Robinson, Olivia Dutton, Gwen Vann and a host of other relatives, extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday December 23, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Union Baptist Church, 805 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT.

Officiant: Rev. Andre Bradley

Entombment will follow at Woodland Cemetery

# Cemetery Details

## Woodland Cemetery

66 Woodland Place  
Stamford, CT

# Tribute Wall



“ I'm going to miss you Ina Terry! You taught me Class, How To Make Do With What I Have until I get better and get more. You were my first secretarial course teacher at CTE. You, Dodie and Make were My Three Musketeers! Family, You (and me) Loved Her More BUT GOD LOVES HER BEST 💕💕 See you in the Great Getting Up Morning, Ina. Love You Too 💕🥹



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**Rose Mary Fortt** - January 27, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ I give my condolences to the Winn family Ina was a very nice wonderful person. RIP love Joy P

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**Joy Poteau** - January 05, 2025 at 10:37 PM

SA

“ To Ina's Family:

*Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your beloved Ina.*

*It was a shock to hear of Ina's passing. No one could make a person feel more welcome and loved than Ina.*

*I have a picture of Ina dancing with my father at my sister's baby shower. He remembered her even in his later years before his death. And what great times we had working together at C.T.E. - Joyce Bostic, Make, Connie Terry, Mrs. DeSouzia, and many others. She loved Union Baptist Church, the church I was baptized in at the age of 13. (I joined First Baptist, Milford, CT years ago after moving to West Haven but I am no longer a member.)*

*Ina, when you get to the top of the stairs, you will be embraced by God along with your loved ones, my Mom and Dad - William and Mary Holmes, sisters Gloria, Beverly, and Wendy - all who were baptized at Union Baptist Church*

*We love you, Ina, and you will be greatly missed by all whose lives you touched.*

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**Sandy** - December 31, 2024 at 12:14 AM

MF

“ *Condolences to the family of Ina. She will certainly be missed by me and my family, she was such a beloved extended family member for over 50 years. May she rest in peace. We love you Ina 🥹❤️.*

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**Monica Hobbs, Johnnye Britt & Family** - December 23, 2024 at 10:51 PM

MW

“ *Mary Bell Williams lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



Mary Bell Williams - December 23, 2024 at 08:32 PM

WW

“ *Willie & Henry Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



Willie & Henry Wheeler - December 23, 2024 at 10:48 AM

SL

“ *To the Family of Ina C. Winn:  
We extend our deepest sympathies to you.  
She was such a wonderful person and special friend.  
Ina is missed and we will cherish her memory.  
God bless you all.  
Johnnye Mae Britt and Sandra Lewis*



Sandra Lewis - December 22, 2024 at 03:19 PM

GB

“ *Gail P. Brown lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



Gail P. Brown - December 22, 2024 at 12:35 PM

WF

“ *Winn Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ina Cameron Winn.*



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**Winn Family** - December 21, 2024 at 08:01 PM

WD

“ *Our condolences to the family may God continue to bless you in your time of sorrow*

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**William and Elaine DuPree** - December 21, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LW

“ *May God continue to bless you all during your time of sorrow. Mrs. Ina will truly be missed.*



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**Linda Wills** - December 21, 2024 at 04:42 PM

WT

“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family at this difficult time. What a wonderful and amazing woman she was. An exemplary example for women.*

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**William Thomas** - December 21, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TL

“ Sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ina. I have many fond memories of Ina and her being active in our community. The annual MLK march and day at Yerwood will always be epic events.

When I had my daughter and named her Kamryn Ina would often ask how her namesake was doing. Your namesake is doing well Ina. Take your rest. You lived a life well led!

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**Tonya Lake** - December 21, 2024 at 09:52 AM

BH

“ *Bridget Wilson Hall lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



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**Bridget Wilson Hall** - December 21, 2024 at 02:36 AM

RS

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I have so many happy memories of Ina. Renate Seymour Monique Steadman & Donald Peeler*



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**Renate Seymour** - December 20, 2024 at 11:12 PM

MM

“ *Marvin&Betty Matthews lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



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**Marvin&Betty Matthews** - December 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM

DH

“ *Donna & Tommie Hooks lit a candle in memory of Ina Cameron Winn*



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**Donna & Tommie Hooks** - December 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM

OS

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to family and friends. RIP Ina.*  
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**Ophal Sutton** - December 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

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“ *Dear Family: Please accept my heartfelt and sincere condolences 🌸 on the passing of Ina. May her sweet spirit bring great comfort to you all. Ina was a marvelous woman, with a heart of gold. I'll always and especially remember her kindness bestowed upon me when I joined Union Baptist Church and the Helping Hand Ministry... May the memory of Ina bring you great comfort 🙏*

*Rest well Lady Ina, see you on the other shore... 🕊*

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**Anita L. McCray** - December 20, 2024 at 04:51 AM